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1. The TSH Fertilizer Plant in Lovosice,¹ which is under construction, covers an 800-meter-square area between the Elbe River and the Lovosice-Litoměřice highway. The plant is in the vicinity of the Czech Silk (Ceske hedvabi) factory. The TSH plant is connected with the main railroad line by a six-track spur line.
2. Production in this plant began on 1 January 1951. However, only the section producing sulfuric acid was active at that time. This department employed 140 workmen, and its daily output amounted to 44 tons.
3. The sulfuric acid produced was consumed partly in the phosphate department, but part of it was also shipped to other plants, such as the Association for Chemical and Metallurgical Production at Usti nad Labem, the United Steel Works at Kladno, the Phosphate Production Works, Prostějov, the J. Dimitrov chemical and explosives plant, Bratislava, and the Prague Fat Works (Pražské tukové závody), Prague-Hloubětín, also known as Sana. Sulfuric acid is produced by the latest and most modern method.
4. In the summer of 1952, the fertilizer department produced 65 tons of fertilizers daily. A department for the production of potassium fertilizers KNO₃ and KCIO₃ is under construction.
5. One of the most modern departments of the Czechoslovak chemical industry is being built in the TSH plant. This is a hall for the production of nitric acid from the air. The hydrogen department (sic) is also under construction.
6. A pipeline from the Stalin Works² supplies the TSH plant with heating gas. Electric power at Lovosice is switched off regularly from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
7. The management of this plant is organized as follows:

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- a. Alois Sliva is the managing director.
- b. Directly under Sliva are the following: Milos Crha, in charge of production; Vitezslav Sourek, in charge of security; Eduard Vobornik, in charge of transportation; and Vaclav Houska, in charge of administration.
- c. Under Crha in the production section are the following: Bohumil Janel, head of the laboratory; Frantisek Duchon and Ladislav Zak, foremen in the sulfuric acid department; and Vaclav Sebek and Josef Kremenak, foremen in the phosphates department.
- d. Under Houska in the administration section are the following: Frantisek Hajek and Antonin Rous, Wages Policy (sic); and Karel Bacik and Karel Hajek, Wages Department.
- e. Ladislav Zak is the head of the plant's Communist Party organization and Milos Crha is the head of the plant's youth organization.

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- 1. This plant was previously reported through the same channel as being intended for the production of heavy water. This assumption was apparently erroneous.
- 2. Apparently the Stalin Works at Zaluzi, near Most.

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